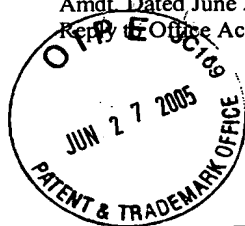


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AFTER FINAL UNDER RULE 1.116

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the final Office action dated April 8, 2005 (Paper No. 20050407). The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on July 8, 2005. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$400.00 for the addition of 2 independent claims in excess of 3.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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